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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY QUAINTON

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SUBJECT: PREMATURE RELEASE OF STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON
AMIA BOMBING

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5835

1. I LEARNED YESTERDAY OF THE PREMATURE RELEASE OF THE
UNCLASSIFIED REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE AMIA
BOMBING. THE RELEASE WAS CLEARLY AN ERROR I AM DISTRESSED
THAT THIS HAPPENED, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT CAUSED

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EMBARRASSMENT TO THE EMBASSY. I HAVE TAKEN APPROPRIATE
ACTION TO ENSURE SIMILAR UNAUTHORIZED RELEASES DO NOT
HAPPEN AGAIN.

2. THE OFFICER WHO RELEASED THE REPORT MISTAKENLY THOUGHT
THE REPORT HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE EMBASSY. THE
OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD SIMPLY BEEN TRYING TO BE
HELPFUL BY GIVING AN UNCLASSIFIED REPORT TO A REPORTER
DOING A BROADER REPORT ON TERRORISM. THERE WAS NO

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SUGGESTION THAT THE REPORT WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE ARGENTINE PRESS. I AM TOLD THE REPORT ONLY CONTAINED INFORMATION ALREADY KNOWN TO THE ARGENTINE POLICE, MOST OF

WHICH WAS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED FROM US A COPY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED REPORT. THE CLASSIFIED VERSION IS IN THE POUCH.

3. AGAIN, PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY FOR THIS UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR.

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